

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 7973

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CASC, BGEN, KE, US  
SUBJ: WASHINGTON POST INQUIRY CONCERNING STATUS OF CORRESPONDENT  
DAVID OTTAWAY

REF: (A) STATE 145257, (B) NAIROBI 7884 (USIAC)

1. REF B, WHICH WAS SENT BEFORE RECEIPT REF A, REPORTED THAT GOK  
HAS AGAIN TURNED DOWN OTTAWAY REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF PROHIBITED  
IMMIGRANT STATUS.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS ASSURED EMBASSY THAT LATEST  
DECISION ON OTTAWAY HAD DEFINITELY BEEN MADE AT LEVEL "ABOVE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY," PRESUMABLY BY VICE PRESIDENT AND PROBABLY WITH  
CONCURRENCE OF OFFICIALS IN OFFICE OF PRESIDENT. IN VIEW OF  
INCREASINGLY ACTIVE BENEATH-THE-SURFACE SUCCESSION POLITICKING IN  
KENYA, WE DOUBT THAT VICE PRESIDENT OR ANY OTHER CONTENDER FOR  
PRESIDENCY WOULD WANT TO RISK WEAKING HIS POSITION BY ASSISTING  
CORRESPONDENT WHO HAD WRITTEN ARTICLES CRITICAL OF KENYATTA AND  
HIS FAMILY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT IT WOULD BE  
PRODUCTIVE TO PURSUE QUESTION FURTHER AT THIS TIME.  
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